

GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM - TENNESSEE
RANKING CRITERIA - AGREEMENT OPTIONS – FY 2007
 10-YEAR, 15-YEAR, 20-YEAR

- OFFERED LAND MUST EITHER BE IN A 20-ACRE OR LARGER CONTIGUOUS BLOCK OF GRASS OR MEET THE LESS THAN 20-ACRE WAIVER CRITERIA HEREIN DESCRIBED.
- CIRCLE ONLY ONE SCORE WITHIN EACH OF ITEM NUMBERS 1-6 (BOLD).
- PREDOMINANCE (MAJORITY) IS DEFINED AS MORE THAN 50 PERCENT.
- DISTANCE MEASURES BASED ON AERIAL PHOTO AND NEAREST POINT IN OFFER.

LANDOWNER _____ COUNTY _____ TRACT NO. _____ FARM NO. _____

OFFERED ACRES _____ DATE _____

ITEM

SCORE

1. COST AND LENGTH CONSIDERATION

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| A. 20-YEAR AGREEMENT; NO GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 14 |
| B. 20-YEAR AGREEMENT; WITH GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 10 |
| C. 15-YEAR AGREEMENT; NO GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 8 |
| D. 15-YEAR AGREEMENT; WITH GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 6 |
| E. 10-YEAR AGREEMENT; NO GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 3 |
| F. 10-YEAR AGREEMENT; WITH GRP RESTORATION COST SHARE | 1 |

2. POTENTIAL RISK FOR OFFER TO BE DEVELOPED IN NEAR FUTURE

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| A. LOW RISK AREAS: OFFERS WHERE THE <u>MAJORITY</u> OF THE OFFER HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS ALONE OR IN COMBINATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPABILITY CLASS IIIW OR WETTER SOILS • IN 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR PREDOMINANTLY FREQUENTLY FLOODED SOILS • E-SLOPES OR STEEPER IN MIDDLE/WEST TN; D-SLOPES OR STEEPER IN EAST TN | 0 |
| B. <u>MAJORITY OF OFFER HAS NO DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS (ITEM A)</u> ; MEDIUM RISK BASED ON POPULATION GROWTH. OFFER WITHIN BLEDSOE, CHEATHAM, CUMBERLAND, DAVIDSON, HAMILTON, HICKMAN, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, KNOX, LOUDON, MACON, MAURY, MEIGS, MONROE, MONTGOMERY, ROBERTSON, RUTHERFORD, SEQUATCHIE, SEVIER, SHELBY, SMITH, STEWART, SUMNER, TIPTON, UNION, WILLIAMSON, WILSON. | 4 |
| C. <u>MAJORITY OF OFFER HAS NO DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS LISTED IN ITEM A</u> AND HIGH RISK BASED ON DISTANCE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision or cluster development of at least 10 houses • subdivided farm with at least 10 parcels for sale • existing four lane highway (excluding the interstate system) • city limit or unincorporated town boundary • city sewer lines | |
| 1. WITHIN 0.5 MILE | 10 |
| 2. FROM 0.5 TO 2 MILES | 8 |
| 3. FROM 2 TO 5 MILES | 6 |

ITEM (CONTINUED)**SCORE****3. POTENTIAL FOR OFFER TO BE CONVERTED TO CROPLAND**

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| A. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN LAND CAPABILITY CLASS I OR II | 10 |
| B. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN LAND CAPABILITY CLASS III | 5 |
| C. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN CAPABILITY CLASS IV OR ABOVE | 0 |

4. PLANT COMMUNITY DIVERSITY (to be considered, species must be dominant; >20 percent)

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| A. OFFER CONSISTS OF A MIXTURE OF NATIVE GRASSES, FORBS, AND/OR SHRUB SPECIES, OR WILL BE CONVERTED TO A MIXTURE OF NATIVE GRASSES (NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT INTRODUCED GRASSES WILL REMAIN ON OFFERED ACRES). | 20 |
| B. PREDOMINANTLY 3 OR MORE INTRODUCED SPECIES OR 1-2 NATIVE SPECIES, OR WILL BE CONVERTED TO 1-2 NATIVE SPECIES. | 10 |
| C. PREDOMINANTLY 1-2 INTRODUCED SPECIES | |

5. LOCATION SIGNIFICANCE (GRASSLAND PRIORITY AREAS)

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| A. OFFER IS OR WILL BE RESTORED TO NATIVE GRASSES AND IS LOCATED IN: | 20 |
| • BARRENS AREA (CANNON, COFFEE, DEKALB, FRANKLIN, MONTGOMERY, ROBERTSON, SUMNER, WARREN, WHITE) | |
| • CENTRAL BASIN GLADES AND BARRENS (BEDFORD, DAVIDSON, GILES, LEWIS, MARSHALL, MAURY, RUTHERFORD, WILSON) | |
| • WESTERN BARRENS (DECATUR, HARDEMAN, HENRY, MCNAIRY, PERRY, WAYNE) | |
| • RIDGE AND VALLEY BARRENS (ANDERSON, CUMBERLAND, ROANE) | |
| B. OFFER IS ANY GRASSLAND AREA ADJACENT TO PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS (WRP EASEMENTS, WM'S, NWR'S, STATE FORESTS, STATE PARKS, ETC.) | 10 |
| C. ALL OTHER AREAS | 0 |

6. GRAZING MANAGEMENT

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| A. OFFER IS UNDER PROPER DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK GRAZING OR WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GRAZE HEIGHT IS ABOVE PROPER HEIGHT, OR <75 PERCENT OF CARRYING CAPACITY). | 20 |
| B. OFFER CURRENTLY STOCKED AT 75-100 PERCENT OF CARRYING CAPACITY | 10 |
| C. OFFER OVERGRAZED, OVERSTOCKED, OR CONSISTS OF INTRODUCED SPECIES MANAGED ONLY FOR HAY. | 0 |

7. Producer Type

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| A. APPLICANT MEETS ALL CRITERIA FOR LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER AND RANCHER AS DEFINED AT http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/ | 100 |
| B. APPLICANT MEETS ALL CRITERIA FOR BEGINNING FARMER OR RANCHER AS DEFINED AT http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/ | 50 |

OFFER	TOTAL SCORE	_____
	TOTAL ESTIMATED USDA AGREEMENT COST	_____
	TOTAL ESTIMATED USDA RESTORATION COST	_____

**LESS THAN 20-ACRE WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
3 SITE CONDITIONS ALLOWED**

SITE CONDITION 1 (RESTRICTED TO COUNTIES LISTED IN ITEM 5A)

1. OFFER CONTAINS NATURALLY OCCURRING, EXISTING **NATIVE REMNANT PRAIRIES*** (INCLUDES WET MEADOWS) OF ANY SIZE WITHIN COUNTIES LISTED IN ITEM 5A; AND
2. OFFER WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST **10** CONTIGUOUS ACRES IN CONTRACT; AND
3. ANY PORTION OF OFFER CONSISTING OF INTRODUCED SPECIES MUST BE RESTORED TO NATIVE GRASSES EITHER BY PLANTING AN APPROVED MIXTURE OR BY AN APPROVED METHOD OF INTRODUCED GRASS ERADICATION.

SITE CONDITION 2 (APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES)

1. OFFER IS PREDOMINANTLY AN EXISTING MIXTURE OF NATIVE GRASSES, FORBS, OR SHRUBS; AND
2. OFFER WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST **10** CONTIGUOUS ACRES IN CONTRACT; AND
3. ANY PORTIONS OF THE OFFER CONSISTING OF INTRODUCED SPECIES MUST BE RESTORED TO NATIVE GRASSES THROUGH THE PLANTING OF AN APPROVED MIXTURE; AND

SITE CONDITION 3 (APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES)

1. OFFER IS ANY GRASSLAND AREA OF AT LEAST **10** CONTIGUOUS ACRES THAT WILL BE RESTORED TO NATIVE GRASSES; AND
2. OFFER CONNECTS TO AN ADDITIONAL **10** ACRES OR LARGER CONTIGUOUS NATIVE GRASSLAND AREA THAT IS EITHER PUBLIC LAND OR CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUCH AS CRP, WHIP, TWRA'S FARM WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM, ETC.; AND

- **NATIVE REMNANT PRAIRIES** ARE DEFINED AS SITES WITHIN COUNTIES LISTED IN ITEM 5A HAVING A PREDOMINANCE OF INDICATOR GRASS AND FORB SPECIES FROM THE LIST BELOW:

<u>GRASSES AND GRASS-LIKE PLANTS</u>	<u>FORBS CONTINUED</u>
Big bluestem	Partridge pea (<i>Cassia fasciculata</i>)
Little bluestem	Dalea (<i>Dalea</i>)
Indiangrass	Coneflowers (<i>Echinacea</i>)
Sideoats grama	Rattlesnake-master (<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>)
Eastern gamagrass	Snakeroot, mistflower (<i>Eupatorium</i>)
Three-awns (<i>Aristida</i>)	Rosin-weed (<i>Grindelia lanceolata</i>)
Carex sedges	Sunflowers (<i>Helianthus</i>)
Wild oat grasses (<i>Danthonia</i>)	Blazing star (<i>Liatris</i>)
Panic grasses (<i>Dicanthelium</i> , <i>Panicum</i> , <i>Switchgrass</i>)	Lilies (<i>Lilium</i>)
Love grasses (<i>Erogrostis</i>)	Flax (<i>Linum</i>)
Rushes (<i>Juncus</i>)	Orchis (<i>Platanthera</i>)
Beakrushes (<i>Rhynchospora</i>)	Milkwort (<i>Polygala curtissii</i>)
Plume grasses (<i>Erianthus</i>)	Mountain mint (<i>Pycnanthemum</i>)
Nut rushes (<i>Scleria</i>)	Meadow beauty (<i>Rhexia</i>)
Dropseeds (<i>Sporobolus</i> , excluding <i>S. indicus</i>)	Coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)
	Black eyed susan (<i>Rudbeckia</i>)
FORBS	Marsh pinks (<i>Sabatia</i>)
Gerardias (<i>Agalinis</i>)	Asters (<i>Seriocarpus</i>)
Milkweeds (<i>Asclepias</i>)	Rosin-weeds (<i>Silphium</i>)
Wild indigo (<i>Baptisia</i>)	Goldenrods (<i>Solidago</i> , not <i>S. Canadensis</i>)
New Jersey tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>)	Yellow-eyed grass (<i>Xyris</i>)